

High-level meeting to mark the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities

**Wednesday, 21 September, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Trusteeship Council Chamber**

Logistics Note

1. Overview

The General Assembly’s High-level meeting to mark the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities will be held on Wednesday, 21 September 2022 pursuant to General Assembly resolution [76/168](#).

The schedule of the high-level meeting will be as follows:

10:00-10:30 a.m.	Opening (Trusteeship Council Chamber)
10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	General debate (Trusteeship Council Chamber)
3:00-5:45 p.m.	General debate (Trusteeship Council Chamber)
5:45-6:00 p.m.	Closing (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

The high-level meeting will result in a summary of the discussions prepared by the President of the General Assembly.

2. Opening, general debate and closing segments

The opening meeting will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues and a keynote address by a guest speaker.

The general debate will comprise statements by Member States and Observers of the General Assembly and representatives of NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC.

The closing meeting will comprise concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly and a statement by a guest speaker.

Seating for Member States of the General Assembly will follow the General Assembly seating protocol and will be 1+1 for each delegation.

3. List of speakers

A list of speakers for the general debate will be established in accordance with established practices of the Assembly, and the time limits for these statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States. The time limits will be strictly enforced. Delegations are reminded of the limited time allocated to the general debate.

A limited number of slots will be reserved at the end of the debate to allow pre-selected speakers from non-governmental organizations in consultative status with Economic and Social Council to take the floor, time permitting.

The list of speakers opened on the e-speakers module of the e-deleGATE portal on 27 July 2022 at 10 a.m. and will remain open until 6 September at 5 p.m. The provisional list of speakers will be circulated on 7 September 2022.

eStatement Services will be available for the high-level meeting. Delegations are kindly requested to submit their statements (preferably in Microsoft Word, as well as in PDF format) by email for posting on the eStatements section of the UN Journal to estatements@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting as well as the name of the speaker should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statement should be submitted well in advance of the meeting, but no later than two hours before delivery, and not in hard copy. The statements will remain embargoed until their delivery. Member States and Observers who cannot deliver their statement within the timeframe of the general debate may also submit their statement to eStatements.

4. Participation

Member States are encouraged to participate in the high-level meeting at the highest possible level, preferably at the level of Heads of State and Government. Observers of the General Assembly are also invited to be represented at the highest possible level.

The United Nations system, including funds, programmes and specialized agencies are invited to participate in the high-level meeting.

Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council with relevant expertise were invited to register with the Secretariat to attend the meeting. The registration process for representatives of non-governmental organizations with ECOSOC consultative status has been completed.

5. Access arrangements

During the high-level week, all attendees are required to wear a mask or face covering at all times when inside the General Assembly and Conference Building, except when eating/drinking or directly addressing a meeting. Please refer to section II “ General considerations in the context of COVID-19” of the Information note for delegations contained in document [A/INF/77/4/Rev.1](#) for additional information.

Access for Member States, Observers, specialized agencies and related organizations

In addition to the UN grounds pass needed to access the UN premises, secondary access cards will be needed to enter the high-level meeting in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

For that purpose, every Permanent Mission will be issued two cards for access to the Trusteeship Council Chamber. These secondary access cards, issued by the Protocol and Liaison Service, are transferable amongst members of a delegation.

Delegations of Observers of the General Assembly will be issued one cards for access to the venue.

The secondary access cards for Member States and Observers will be distributed by the Protocol and Liaison Service in room S-0200 through the counter windows on a staggered schedule, as follows:

Wednesday, 14 September	
10 a.m. to noon	Afghanistan to Dominican Republic
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Ecuador to Luxembourg
Thursday, 15 September	
10 a.m. to noon	Madagascar to Saudi Arabia
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Senegal to Zimbabwe, Holy See, State of Palestine and European Union

Secondary access cards for specialized agencies and related organizations will be distributed by the Protocol and Liaison Service on Friday, 16 September from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in room S-0200 through the counter windows. Seating in the Trusteeship Council Chamber will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Access for NGOs and other stakeholders

The registration process for representatives of non-governmental organizations with ECOSOC consultative status has been completed via the UN Indico platform. Once the applicant has received a confirmation email, they should expect a further email with details on time and location at which the special event ticket is to be collected.

Due to security restrictions for the high-level week of the General Assembly, access to the UN will be via the checkpoint at 46th Street and 2nd Avenue. Please note that for security purposes, a government issued photo ID is required (1) to receive the special events ticket and (2) to enter the United Nations compound. Participants should arrive at least one hour prior to the start of the event to ensure enough time for the mandatory security screening.

6. Media and Accreditation

Accredited media are welcome to cover the high-level meeting from the designated media booths. Escort to the booths will be available from the media liaison desk, on the third floor of the General Assembly building.

Regarding accreditation, media accompanying Heads of State or Government or Heads of Delegation, including official photo and video, must request media passes in advance through the eRegistration system on the e-Delegate portal: <https://delegate.un.int/>.

Information on press encounters can be found at the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (MALU) website, under Media Alert (<http://www.un.org/malu>).

Questions or concerns should be directed to MALU at malu@un.org or 212-963-6934.

For any media inquiry other than accreditation, please contact the Office of the President of the General Assembly (opgahlm@un.org).

7. Webcast

The United Nations Webcast services will provide live streaming coverage of the high-level meeting in 6 languages as well as on-demand coverage (recorded video) in English and original language, through the UN Web TV website at: <http://webtv.un.org>. The coverage will include the opening segment, general debate and the closing segment.

8. Statements, Non-official language interpretation and Accessibility

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements are invited to submit PDF versions of their statements via email to estatements@un.org, no later than two hours in advance of delivery. The name of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the email and in the heading of the statement. The statements will remain embargoed until their delivery and then posted.

Statements made in any of the six official languages of the General Assembly are interpreted into the other official languages. Speakers are requested to deliver the statement at a speed that is interpretable. When statements are delivered at a fast pace, the quality of the interpretation may suffer. It is suggested not to exceed the speed of about 100 to 120 words per minute (as a guide for statements delivered in English) to ensure that the statement is delivered at a normal pace.

Any speaker may also make a statement in a language other than the official languages. In such cases, in accordance with rule 53 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the delegation in question must provide an interpreter from the non-official language into an official language. However, there will be only limited facilities to accommodate such non-official language interpreters on site. Delegations seeking to provide their own interpreters for non-official languages are requested to inform the Meetings Management Section of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management well in advance by email (gmeets@un.org) and to copy the Interpretation Service (is-unhq@un.org) and the Protocol and Liaison Service (unprotocol@un.org). The Meetings Management Section will provide further instructions.

Closed captioning (CART services) will be provided for the opening, general debate and closing segments of the high-level meeting.

The United Nations Accessibility Centre offers assistive information and communication technology to support those with auditory, visual or physical impairments. The Accessibility Centre is located in the Conference Building (first basement level by the Secretarial Building escalators). Please contact accessibilitycentre@un.org for enquiries regarding available assistive tools and other requests related to accessibility accommodations. More information is available at www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/accessibility.

Delegations are requested to inform the Secretariat of the accessibility requirements of delegates in order to facilitate participation in meetings. Upon request, adjustments can be made to seating arrangements with a view to enabling the participation of persons with disabilities, in accordance with paragraphs 33 and 34 of General Assembly resolution 73/341. For individual requests, please contact the Meetings Support Section of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (email: accessibilitycentre@un.org telephone: 212 963 7348/9) no later than three working days prior to the meeting.